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SUBJECT: QADHAAFI MEETS EGYPTIAN PRESS ON HOME

GROUND-- AND IS CENSORED

1. ON EVENING OF JUNE 28, SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN FROM ALEXANDRIA, QADHAAFI SCHEDULED AN " OPEN DIALOGUE" WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF EGYPTIAN PRESS AT HQ OF ROSE AL-YOUSSEF MAGAZINE. DIALOGUE, EVIDENTLY INTENDED AS MUTUAL EXPOSURE SESSION, BEGAN WITH EGYPTIANS TRYING TO INFORM QADHAAFI OF SPECIFIC PROBLEMS THEY HAD WITH HIS CONCEPT OF UNITY AND ARAB ACTION. ATMOSPHERE EVIDENTLY DID NOT REMAIN STABLE VERY LONG. CORRESPONDENTS WHO WERE PRESENT REPORT THAT, DURING FOUR- HOUR SESSION, QADHAAFI UNBURDENED HIMSELF OF SOME OF HIS OWN FEELINGS. HE CRITICIZED EGYPT, WHICH HE IMPLIED
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HAD NOT DONE ENOUGH FOR THE ARAB REVOLUTION, UNITY OR THE BATTLE AGAINST ZIONISM. HE STRUCK OUT AT THE EGYPTIAN PRESS, WHICH HE CALLED REACTIONARY AND COWARDLY. AT ONE POINT HE DECLARED THE NEED FOR A CULTURAL REVOLUTION IN EGYPT.

2. IMMEDIATELY AFTER MEETING ENDED, GOE IMPOSED TOTAL EMBARGO ON SUBSTANCE OF DISCUSSIONS. AS OF MORNING, JUNE 29, SOME FOREIGN NEWS SERVICES WERE STILL UNABLE TO MOVE STORIES PAST CENSORSHIP. (ONE EXCEPTION IS AFP, WHICH HAS INTERESTING REPORT OF QADHAAFI' S ANTI- SOVIET REMARKS AND DENUNCIATION OF SOVIET/ EGYPTIAN TREATY, BUT CONTAINS NOTHING ABOUT QADHAAFI' S VIEWS OF EGYPT OUTSIDE OF SOVIET/ EGYPTIAN FRAMEWORK.) JUNE 29 CAIRO PRESS CARRIES ONLY BRIEF NOTICE THAT QADHAAFI' S RAP SESSION OCCURRED AT ALL AND DOES NOT DISCUSS SUBSTANCE.

3. OTHER QADHAAFI DEVELOPMENTS (JUNE 29 PRESS): ON SATURDAY, JUNE 30, HE IS TO DISCUSS MERGER WITH PARLIAMENTARY BODY OF PEOPLES ASSEMBLY, AND ON FOLLOWING DAY WITH POLITICAL COMMANDS OF ASU, INCLUDING SECRETARIES OF GOVERNORATES AND LOWER LEVELS. PRESS ALSO NOTES THAT ASHRAF MARWAN MET KING FEISAL ON JUNE 28.
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